

## **George Henry Erickson**

### **1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography**

George Henry Erickson was born July 8, 1884, in Koosharem, Utah, a son of Erick G. and Maria C. Anderson Erickson. He was the sixth in a family of eight boys. He attended the Public Schools of Sevier County and Lehi moving to Lehi in 1899 to live at his uncle's home, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ohran. He later attended Brigham Young University at Provo. While at the Ohran home he learned the brick mason trade at which he spent a good portion of his life.

He filled a mission for the Church in the Southern States from 1907-1910.

On September 14, 1911, he married Myrtle Bone in the Salt Lake Temple and seven children were born to the couple: Mrs. Marie Martines, Mrs. Thelia Adams, H. Keith Erickson, Mrs. Lela Giles, Mrs. June Smith, and Larry W. Erickson.

He was Ward Clerk of the Lehi First Ward from 1913 to 1916. When the Fifth Ward was organized February 29, 1920, he was chosen as Ward Clerk serving until August 27, 1927. From August 27, 1927 to July 28, 1928, he was first counselor in the Bishopric in which time he was chosen Bishop of the Lehi Fifth Ward.

He served as Bishop until November 28, 1937. He personally supervised the construction of the Fifth Ward Chapel, and it was built, paid for and dedicated while he was Bishop. The latter years of his life he worked for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, doing repair work on their factories. He died on July 20, 1944.